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ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS, AND SYMBOLS

~	approximately	B.P.	before present
°	degree	BRD	Biological Resources Division (USGS)
\$	dollar		
>	greater than		
≥	greater than or equal to	C	Celsius
<	less than	CAA	Clean Air Act of 1970
≤	less than or equal to	CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
µg	microgram	Call	Call for Information and Nominations
,	minute	CBRA	Coastal Barrier Resources Act
%	percent	CBRS	Coastal Barrier Resource System
§	section	CCA	Coastal Coordination Act (Texas)
dB re ⁻¹ µPa-m	standard unit for source levels of underwater sound	CCMP	Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan
2D	two-dimensional	CD	Consistency Determination
3D	three-dimensional	CDP	common-depth-point (seismic survey)
4C	multicomponent (data)	CEI	Coastal Environments, Inc.
4D	four-dimensional	CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
5-Year Program	<i>Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2002-2007</i>	CER	categorical exclusion review
		CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
ac	acre	cf.	compare, see
ACAA	Alabama Coastal Area Act	CFDL	Coastal Facilities Designation Line (Texas)
ACAMP	Alabama Coastal Area Management Program	CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
ACP	Area Contingency Plans	Chouest	Edison Chouest Offshore (also ECO)
ADCP	Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler	CIAP	Coastal Impact Assistance Program
ADCNR	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	CIS	corrosion inhibiting substance
ADEM	Alabama Department of Environmental Management	cm	centimeter
AHTS	anchor-handling tug supply vessels	CNG	compressed natural gas
AIRS	Aerometric Information Retrieval System	CNRA	Coastal Natural Resources Area
APD	Application for Permit to Drill	CO	carbon monoxide
API	American Petroleum Institute	COE	Corps of Engineers (U.S. Army) (also USCOE)
Area ID	Area Identification	COF	covered offshore facility
ASLM	Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals	CPA	Central Planning Area
atm	atmosphere	CSA	Continental Shelf Associates
AVHRR	Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer	CWA	Clean Water Act
		CWPPRA	Coastal Wetlands Protection, Planning & Restoration Act
BAST	best available and safest technology	CZARA	Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990
bbl	barrel	CZM	Coastal Zone Management
BBO	billion barrels of oil	CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act
BOE	barrels of oil equivalent	CZPA	Coastal Zone Protection Act of 1996
Bcf	billion cubic feet		
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	DEP	Department of Environmental Protection (State of Florida)
BO	Biological Opinion	DOC	Department of Commerce (U.S.) (also USDOC)
BOD	biochemical oxygen demand		
BOP	blowout preventer		

DOCD	Development Operations Coordination Document	FMP	Fishery Management Plan
DOD	Department of Defense (U.S.) (also USDOD)	FONNSI	finding of no new significant impact
DOI	Department of the Interior (U.S.) (also USDOI)	FPS	floating production system
DOT	Department of Transportation (U.S.) (also USDOT)	FPSO	floating production, storage, and offloading system
DOTD	Department of Transportation and Development (Louisiana)	FR	<i>Federal Register</i>
DP	dynamically positioned	ft	foot
DPV	dynamically positioned vessel	FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service (U.S.)
DWOP	Deepwater Operations Plan	G&G	geological and geophysical
dwt	dead weight tonnage	gal	gallon
E&D	exploration and development	GEMS	Gulf Ecological Management Site
E&P	exploration and production	GERG	Geochemical and Environmental Research Group
EA	environmental assessment	GINS	Gulf Islands National Seashore
ECO	Edison Chouest Offshore (also Chouest)	GIS	geographical information system
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone	GIWW	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat	GLPC	Greater Lafourche Port Commission
e.g.	for example	GMAQS	Gulf of Mexico Air Quality Study
Eh	oxidation reduction potential	GMFMC	Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
EIA	Energy Information Administration (USDOE)	GMP	Gulf of Mexico Program
EIS	environmental impact statement	GOM	Gulf of Mexico
EMAP-E	Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program for Estuaries (USEPA)	GPS	global positioning system
EP	Exploration Plan	GS	Geological Survey (also USGS)
EPA	Eastern Planning Area	GSA	Geological Survey of Alabama
Era	Era Aviation	GTFP	green turtle fibropapillomatosis
ESA	Endangered Species Act of 1973	GulfCet	Gulf Cetaceans
ESI	Environmental Sensitivity Indices	H ₂ S	hydrogen sulfide
ESP	Environmental Studies Program	ha	hectare
ESPIS	Environmental Studies Program Information System	HAPC	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
et al.	and others	HCl	hydrochloric acid
et seq.	and the following	HLV	heavy lifting vessel
EWTA	Eglin Water Test Area	HMS	highly migratory species
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration	hr	hour
FAD	fish attracting devices	Hz	hertz
FCF	Fishermen's Contingency Fund	IADC	International Association of Drilling Contractors
FCMP	Florida Coastal Management Program	i.e.	that is
FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	INTERMAR	International Activities and Marine Minerals Division (MMS)
FDR	floating drilling rig	IPF	impact-producing factors
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	IT	incidental take
FGBNMS	Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary	ITM	Information Transfer Meetings
FMC	Fishery Management Council	kJ	kilojoule
FMG	Florida Middle Ground	kg	kilogram
		km	kilometer
		kn	knots
		l	liter
		LA	Louisiana
		LADNR	Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (also LDNR)

LA Hwy 1	Louisiana Highway 1	NACE	National Association of Corrosion Engineers
LATEX	Texas-Louisiana Shelf Circulation and Transport Process Program (MMS-funded study)	NEP	National Estuary Program
LC ₅₀		NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
LCE	Loop Current Eddy	NFEA	National Fishing Enhancement Act
LCRP	Louisiana Coastal Resources Program	NGL	natural-gas liquids
LDNR	Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (also LADNR)	NGVD	National Geodetic Vertical Depth
LNG	liquefied natural gas	NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
LOOP	Louisiana Offshore Oil Port	NHS	National Highway System
LPG	liquefied petroleum gas	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service (also known as NOAA Fisheries)
LSU	Louisiana State University	nmi	nautical mile
m	meter	No.	number
MA	Mississippi Alabama	NO ₂	nitrogen dioxide
MAFLA	Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida	NO _x	nitrogen oxide
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships	NOA	Notice of Availability
Mcf	thousand cubic feet	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
MCP	Mississippi Coastal Program	NOAA Fisheries	the DOC agency also known as NMFS
MFCMA	Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976	NOI	Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS
mg	milligrams	NORM	naturally occurring radioactive material
mi	statute mile	NOS	National Ocean Service
MRGO	Mississippi River Gulf Outlet	NOSAC	National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee
Mbbl	thousand barrels	NOW	nonhazardous oil-field waste
mm	millimeter	NPDES	National Pollution and Discharge Elimination System
MMbbl	million barrels	NPFC	National Pollution Funds Center
MMC	Marine Mammal Commission	NPS	National Park Service
MMcf	million cubic feet	NRC	National Research Council
MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972	NRDA	Natural Resource Damage Assessment
MMS	Minerals Management Service	n.sp.	new specie
MPA	Marine Protected Area	NTL	Notice to Lessees and Operators
mph	miles per hour	NUT	new or unusual technology
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area	NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
MSD	marine sanitation device	NWRC	National Wetlands Research Center
MSRC	Marine Spill Response Corporation	O ₂	oxygen
MSL	mean sea level	O ₃	ozone
MSW	municipal solid waste	OBC	ocean bottom cables
Mta	million metric tons annually	OBF	oil-based drilling fluids
MODU	mobile offshore drilling unit	OCD	Offshore and Coastal Dispersion
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	OCRM	Office of Ocean and Coastal
MPPRCA	Marine Plastic Pollution Research and Control Act of 1987	OCS	Resource Management
MPRS	Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972	OCSLA	Outer Continental Shelf
MTBE	methyl tertiary butyl ether	ODD	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Mya	Million years ago	OPA	Ocean Disposal Database
N.	North	OPA 90	Oil Pollution Act of 1990
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards	OPEC	Oil Pollution Act of 1990 Organization for Petroleum Exporting Countries

OPEIU	Office of Professional Employees International Union	semi	semisubmersible
OSCP	Oil Spill Contingency Plan	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification
OSFR	oil-spill financial responsibility	SIP	State implementation program
OSLTF	Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund	SO ₂	sulphur dioxide
OSM	Office of Safety Management	SO _x	sulphur oxide
OSRA	Oil Spill Risk Analysis	SOLAS	Safety of Life at Sea
OSRO	Oil Spill Removal Organization	sp.	species
OSRP	oil-spill response plan	spp.	multiple species
OSV	offshore supply vessels	Stat.	Statute
P	compressional (wave)	TA&R	Technical Assessment & Research Program (MMS)
P.L.	Public Law	TAMU	Texas A&M University
PAH	polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon	Tcf	trillion cubic feet
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl	TCMP	Texas Coastal Management Plan
pCi	picocuries	TED	turtle excluder device
PEMEX	Petroleos Mexicanos	TIMS	Technical Information Management System (MMS)
pH	potential of hydrogen	TP	tension leg platform
PHI	Petroleum Helicopters, Inc.	TRW	topographic Rossby wave
PINC	Potential Incident of Noncompliance	TSS	traffic separation scheme
PM ₁₀	particulate matter smaller than 10 microns	TWC	treatment, workover, and completion
POE	Plan of Exploration	TX	Texas
ppb	parts per billion	U.S.	United States
ppm	parts per million	U.S.C.	United States Code
PSD	Prevention of Significant Deterioration	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
psi	pounds per square inch	USCOE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (also COE)
PSV	platform supply vessel	USDOC	U.S. Department of Commerce (also DOC)
R&D	research and development	USDOD	U.S. Department of Defense (also DOD)
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act	USDOI	U.S. Department of the Interior (also DOI)
RD	Regional Director	USDOT	U.S. Department of Transportation (also DOT)
RFG	reformulated motor gasoline	USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ROTAC	Regional Operations Technology Assessment Committee	USGS	United States Geological Survey (also GS)
ROV	remotely operated vehicle	VK	Viosca Knoll
RP	Recommended Practice	VOC	volatile organic compounds
RS-FO	Regional Supervisor for Field Operations	vs.	versus
S.	South	W.	West
SAFMC	South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils	WBF	water-based drilling fluids
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act	WPA	Western Planning Area
SBF	synthetic-based drilling fluid	yr	year
SEAMAP	Southeastern Area Monitoring and Assessment Program		
sec	second		
Secretary	Secretary of the Interior		
SEIS	supplemental environmental impact statement		

CONVERSION CHART

Measurements in this EIS are given in SI metric units (International System of Units) except where U.S. units are the accepted standard (for example, altitudes for aircraft). For the reader's convenience, both SI metric and U.S. customary units are included in the Summary. Factors for converting SI metric to U.S. customary units are provided in the following table.

To convert from	To	Multiply by
millimeter (mm)	inch (in)	0.03937
centimeter (cm)	inch (in)	0.3937
meter (m)	foot (ft)	3.281
kilometer (km)	mile (mi)	0.6214
meter ² (m ²)	foot ² (ft ²)	10.76
	yard ² (yd ²)	1.196
	acre (ac)	0.0002471
hectare (ha)	acre (ac)	2.47
kilometer ² (km ²)	mile ² (mi ²)	0.3861
meter ³ (m ³)	foot ³ (ft ³)	35.31
yard ³ (yd ³)		1.308
liter (l)	gallons (gal)	0.2642
degree Celsius (°C)	degree Fahrenheit (°F)	°F = (1.8 x °C) + 32
1 barrel (bbl) = 42 gal = 158.9 l = approximately 0.1428 metric tons		
1 nautical mile (nmi) = 6,076 ft or 1.15 mi		

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